

Woman's Page

Dorothy Dix Talks

IS AN OLD MAID ONLY A FOURTH OF A WOMAN?
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Not long ago a clever writer declared that an old bachelor was only half a man.

An unmarried woman says: "Bachelors stand in higher esteem socially than spinsters do, so if a bachelor is only half a man we old maids only are a fourth of a woman?"

Nonsense. There is no spiritual Bertillon system of measurements by which we can gauge the essence of the individual and tell what he or she is to himself or herself, or what he or she gives to the world or gets out of life. And that constitutes the man or woman's value and is his or her number.

Many of the biggest brained, biggest hearted, biggest souled, tenderest, most sympathetic, and helpful people never marry, and to say that these are half or quarter size portions of humanity is folly.

This is particularly true of women for the reason that most old maids are old maids because they were finer and more discriminating than the majority of their married sisters. Any woman who is not an actual monstrosity can acquire a husband if she will take any sort of one that she can get. It is the women who have the courage of their convictions not to marry at all unless they find a man who comes up to their ideal of manhood, who fills the ranks of the bachelor maids.

And it is these women who are in the forefront of every movement for the public good and who in private are the self-sacrificing props that keep millions of other people's homes from toppling into ruins.

It is the daughter who never marries who takes care of the old father and mother and humors their whims and crochets. It is the old maid sister who teaches school and gives the younger members of the family the chance in life she never had. It is the old maid aunt who buys the baby shoes, and sends Johnnie to college, and gives Mamie pretty dresses, in a million families where the husband and father fails in business and it is the old maid who runs philanthropies and organization charities and is a power for civic righteousness in every community in the land.

If the average old maid is only one fourth woman the other three-fourths are plain adulterated angel. To think of her or speak of her as one who is set apart from the ordinary interests of life is to show that one has little knowledge of the modern women and their activities.

Of course it is not to be denied that marriage and parenthood are the most vital of all human experiences, and perhaps no man or woman has lived a perfectly full life who has not been through both and known the joy and suffering they bring. One's heart chords must have been played upon by the hand of husband or wife, and child before one has run the whole gamut of emotion. And perhaps those who have missed that do lack something of complete development.

These things, however, do not make necessarily for individual happiness, or even for the rounding out into beautiful symmetry of the individual character. Even parenthood does not invariably bring joy and tenderness with it, nor act as a touchstone that calls out what is noblest and best in a man or woman.

Many children come unwanted into the world and are regarded as a burden by their parents. We hear women complaining because they are tied down at home by baby hands and because they have to slave over darning little socks and washing dirty little faces and answering ceaseless calls for

mother. We hear fathers grumbling at the bills for food for hungry little mouths and for the clothes to cover restless little bodies.

Still whether they have borne gladly or sullenly the burden of the helpless babe that has been laid in their hands, the man and woman who have felt the clinging of feeble little fingers to their lives that the old bachelor and old maid never know, and that must make them either better or worse.

Pretty much the same thing may be said about matrimony. Marriage is the crucible in which character is tried out and no man and woman come out of that fiery furnace the same as they were when they went into it.

Marriage brings out the best and the worst that is in human nature. It is the great enlightener. It not only reveals to the man or woman unimagined heights of nobility to which the soul can soar, but depths of meanness into which it can descend. It teaches not only how one can love but how one can hate, for only in marriage with its incessant and forced companionship does the human relationship reach its climax of perfect congeniality or utter repulsion.

This explains why we invariably notice that people change after they marry. Sometimes a man who has been hard and surly and cold will often soften and become genial and sympathetic. Sometimes a man who has been kindly and generous in thought and words will become silent and morose and grouchy. Sometimes a frivolous and light-minded girl will change into a tender and sweet and serious woman, or a girl who has been gentle and cheerful will turn peevish and disgruntled and whining.

It is the way they have reacted to matrimony. It shows how they have stood the discipline, whether they have had the strength and courage to bear disappointment and disillusion, and to make sacrifices, and let the experience make them bigger and better men and women, or whether they were weaklings who soured under the process.

Undoubtedly marriage is a forcing house that develops good or evil in people. It furnishes the environment in which virtue and vice find their perfect habitat. Nowhere else on earth are people so unprotected as in the home circle. In no other place have selfishness and brutality such a field in which to work.

The bachelor and the spinster are forced by the very conditions of their life to respect other people's rights. A degree of unselfishness is imposed upon them. No other human being is in their power.

But the husband or wife do not have to respect each other's rights, and so the selfish man or woman can grind wife or husband into utter nothingness. The bachelor or spinster must treat those with whom he or she comes into contact at least with civility, but no rule of politeness rules in the holy estate where one's victim is bound to be one by ties that only the divorce court or death can sever and where the brute or the shrew have perfect liberty to give their race full vent.

No unmarried person is ever as noble or ignoble, as selfish or unselfish, as patient or as impatient as are those who have been through the great experience that either makes or mars men and women, and so perhaps, in this sense, the bachelor and the spinster are only fractionally men and women.

In June, 1886, the membership of the Glasgow (Scotland) Council shows a very marked decrease in pauperism.

BOMB THROWN IN SALT LAKE CITY

SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—A deafening detonation and a piercing flash, followed by the immediate disappearance of a mysterious automobile with its lights dimmed, late last night threw residents of the neighborhood of Fourth avenue and F street into a panic. Many of the excited citizens were positive that a bomb had been thrown. The report was heard in the downtown business district.

The explosion, as nearly as could be determined, occurred almost directly in front of the residence of United States Collector of Customs T. F. Thomas, 218 F Street. Mr. Thomas, having retired for the night, was asleep and knew nothing of the explosion until awakened by Mrs. Thomas, who was positive it occurred in front of their home.

A squad of policemen, armed with rifles and revolvers, hurried to the scene in an automobile, and aided by searchlights, made a careful examination of the ground in the vicinity. Not the slightest trace of the cause of the explosion, nor any damage resulting from it, was found.

Execution Bond Not Filled.

W. D. Ritter, attorney for the Denver & Rio Grande here, yesterday confirmed the report that the Denver & Rio Grande had failed to file a bond for the stay of execution on the \$43,000 judgment when appeal was taken from the federal district court for the southern district of New York to the circuit court of appeals of the United States. Without the filing of a bond, which would amount to \$36,000 under the law, the Equitable Trust company was privileged to have execution issued against the road at any time, its execution being subject to the right of the prior bondholders of the Denver & Rio Grande.

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A full written confession was made by Dr. Hotopp and given into the hands of the county attorney. It was afterward turned over to the court. The accused man waived preliminary hearing and all other court privileges, asking that sentence be passed at once.

The written confession had, over his signature, details of every proceeding in connection with the operation and corroborates the dying statement of Mrs. Weiss. In all essential details, in the confession Hotopp states that he is a habitual drunkard.

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The sensible woman is not making herself and those around her miserable by complaining about what cannot be helped. She plans ways and means to make her work easy and congenial, and manages to conserve her strength—not waste it, and even housecleaning can be made easy if one goes about it in the right way.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

Very greasy dishes should be wiped with soft tissue paper before being washed.

To clean linoleum use skim milk instead of water. It keeps it glossy, and does not rot it as water does.

If a knifeboard is used it should be warmed at the fire before polishing the knives.

After polishing windows moisten a clean rag with a very little glycerine and rub it over the glass. Windows done this way do not "steam" and stay clean much longer.

When brooms begin to wear, cut the bristles level again and the brush will do its work as well as ever.

TO WASH BLACK SILK

Brush and wipe it thoroughly, lay it on a flat table with the side up which is intended to show and sponge with hot coffee, strained through muslin. Allow it to become partially dry, then iron.

Ironing boards may be protected from dust by taking two paper flour sacks, cutting the bottom from one and pasting on top of the other to form the required length. Slip this over the board when putting away.

To clean rollers of a wringer rub with kerosene.

D. & R. G. MAY NOT GO TO RECEIVER

SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—Indications are that the financial difficulties of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad are to be settled amicably and without an attempt being made to place the road in the hands of receivers for rehabilitation of the system. Information received in Salt Lake yesterday by Denver & Rio Grande officers is to the effect that the Equitable Trust company, which recently secured a judgment against the Denver & Rio Grande for \$43,000,000, will not proceed to have execution issued, but is to make a proposition to the railroad directors which will probably be accepted.

The judgment was for the principal and interest on \$25,000,000 worth of Western Pacific bonds which the Denver & Rio Grande railroad guaranteed when the Western Pacific was built. The Western Pacific went into the hands of receivers and was bought by the Denver & Rio Grande in 1914. The Denver & Rio Grande suit was then instituted to collect the money on the bonds which had been guaranteed.

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NEW TOWNSITES IN NORTH WYOMING

W. C. Ebaugh, secretary of the state council of defense, has received a letter from H. A. Meyer, assistant secretary in the federal department of the interior, pointing to openings offered under the activities of the reclamation service.

The letter follows: "Establishing new towns and creating opportunities for home makers are functions of the reclamation service in the department of the interior. On many of the irrigation projects these towns are assuming metropolitan airs. They have offered openings for all lines of business, commercial, financial and manufacturing, and have prospered with the rapid growth of the farming communities which surround them.

"Secretary Lane announces the opening of a new townsite on August 29 on the Shoshone project in northern Wyoming. It is located in the Franklin unit, which will be opened to entry in September and which contains 41,000 acres of irrigable land. The townsite, which will be called Deaver, is on a branch of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, between Billings, Mont., and Lovell, Wyo. On the opening day nearly 300 lots will be offered for sale. The terms being all cash, or one-fifth cash and the balance in four annual installments, with 6 per cent interest.

"By reason of its advantageous location in the midst of a large area of irrigable lands, Deaver should enjoy a good business. With the early opening of the Franklin unit lands a population of several thousand people will be established here in permanent homes. Powell, the other project town and the present headquarters of the service, is one of the best trade centers in the northern part of the state and is only ten miles old.

"There will be openings at once for general stores, blacksmith and carpenter shops, implement dealers, doctors, lawyers and other professional men, and for investors in town property."

FATALLY INJURED

SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—Eddie Gillette, a barber of 516 South Second East street, was perhaps fatally injured and Billy Struphar, a waiter living at the Raymond hotel, suffered a scalp wound and a bruised hip when a motorcycle they were riding was struck by an automobile driven by George Daley, a chauffeur of 61 East Third South street, in front of the American theatre, on Main street, between Second and Third South, about midnight. Daley was arrested. Gillette and Struphar were taken to the emergency hospital.

The motorcycle, with Gillette driving and Struphar occupying the tank, had just started from in front of the Keith Emporium and was crossing the thoroughfare to turn north on Main street. He struck the motorcycle as it was about to make the turn. One of the front wheels of the automobile ran over Gillette's chest.

Gillette was cut over the left eye and bruised about the face, but Dr. E. J. Evans, who attended him at the emergency hospital, believed he had suffered internal injuries and ordered him removed to Holy Cross hospital. Gillette was spitting blood, indicating a hemorrhage of the lungs.

An unidentified woman, who escaped during the excitement, was riding with Daley. The chauffeur stated to the police that he had never before met the woman and did not know her name or address.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN STATE OF UTAH

Notice has been received at the office of the state superintendent of public instruction from President John A. Widtsoe of the University of Utah that there are 229 vacant scholarships in the school of education, and Dr. E. G. Gowans, state superintendent of public instruction, yesterday apportioned these scholarships among the school districts of the state on the basis of their school population, as follows:

Alpine 9, Beaver 3, Box Elder 12, Cache 10, Carbon 5, Davis 6, Duchesne 5, Emery 4, Garfield 3, Grand 1, Granite 12, Iron 3, Jordan 9, Juab 2, Kane 1, Millard 5, Morgan 1, Nebo 9, North Sanpete 6, North Summit 1, Park City 2, Platte 1, Rich 1, San Juan 1, Sevier 7, South Sanpete 5, South Summit 1, Tintic 4, Tooele 4, Uinta 5, Wasatch 3, Washington 4, Wayne 1, Weber 7, Salt Lake City 48, Ogden 15, Provo 6, Logan 6, Murray 3.

On the recommendation of boards of education, the state superintendent issues scholarships until the opening of the university. After that time the scholarships will be issued by the president of the university. Dr. Gowans is requesting board clerks to give the matter publication in their respective districts and to urge that applications be filed as early as possible with the local boards. He desires that the boards then recommend to the state department of education for appointment persons not exceeding the number apportioned.

ALLEGED SLACKER READY TO FIGHT

SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—Lucien H. Smyth, deputy United States marshal, returned to Salt Lake from Delta yesterday, bringing with him Harry Walters, wanted at North Platte, Neb., on the charge of having made an attempt to evade the registration law. Walters says that it was not his intention to evade military service, but that he is a wanderer he did not know anything about registration or selective service. He admits that he was

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In some part of Nebraska about June 5, but until he was placed under arrest at Fillmore, Utah, he had no knowledge whatever that the president had ordered the organization of the new national army. He says he is perfectly willing to enlist in the army if given a chance. He will have a hearing today before United States Commissioner Henry V. Van Pelt.

Walters has every appearance of a "man of the road." His hair has grown until it is nearly a foot in length and hangs shaggy over his shoulders, and he has a month or more growth of beard. Although he declares he is but 24 years of age, he has the appearance of a man of 35. He says he was born in South Dakota, but that his parents live somewhere in Montana. Six years ago he left them and, according to his story, he never went to school. He says he walked all the way from Lincoln, Neb., to Utah, and was on his way south over the Salt Lake route when he was picked up by the sheriff of Millard county near Oasis.

that as a matter of fact there is scarcely more disorder in Russia than there is in the United States.

"Certain disturbances are inevitable in a change of government so radical as that of Russia," said Mr. Root, "and cable dispatches deal largely with these disturbances. Hence the public has gained an impression that there is little going on in Russia except demonstrations. As a matter of fact if reports on American affairs disseminated in Russia concentrated on our own little disturbances—race riots, the I. W. W. and the like—Russians would have almost the same picture of us that we now have of them.

"I have faith in the new Russian ministry and in the Russian future as an important element in the aims of the allies. Russian women are doing a wonderful work in shaming the men into fighting, and, where necessary, I hope American women will follow their example."

SWITZERLAND IS UNDER PRESSURE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Confirmation has reached the state department of the report that Germany has demanded a loan in gold from Switzerland in return for coal. In official circles here this is taken as emphasis to stories of financial difficulties in which Germany finds herself at present.

Switzerland is resisting the demand and it is pressed she is in far better shape than Holland or the Scandinavian countries to meet either military or economic aggression from Germany.

PROTECT HOSPITAL SHIPS

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The Evening Standard says it has high authority for stating that negotiations are in progress with every expectation of success toward securing immunity for hospital ships from submarine attacks.

According to a dispatch from Madrid, published by the Standard, it has been arranged that Spanish naval officials will go aboard every hospital ship to guarantee that the ship is used only for the transport of sick and wounded.

OPPOSE PEACE OFFERS.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 7.—Seventy-eight professors of Bonn university have signed a petition urging the German government never to make another peace offer "since Germany's recent offer has been answered by the British challenge to retire behind the Rhine." The signers consider that another peace proposal would be mischievous.

BRITAIN MUST BORROW.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, introduced in the house of commons today, a formal resolution authorizing the treasury to borrow another 250,000,000 pounds on the security of the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom and announced that a war loan bill for this purpose will be introduced within a few days. The resolution was adopted.

In the house last Tuesday Mr. Bonar Law said that a loan bill would be required during the parliamentary recess because the government "would have to give the American government long delayed notes in exchange for a loan received from them and the treasury's power to issue such notes was limited by the last bill and is not sufficient to carry us through the recess."

From August 13 to 18, at Colorado Springs, Col., International Typographical Union will convene.

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